

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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REFORMS IN RESEARCH WORK FOR SCIENTISTS AND PH.D. STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted Prof. M.M. Sharma Committee to look into the reforms in research work for scientists and higher education including Ph.D in the country as reported in 'Dainik Jagaran' dated March 16, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations made by the said Committee;
- (c) whether the Government has considered these recommendations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide adequate funds for the research work for scientists and Ph.D. students?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): In order to strengthen basic science research within the university system, a Task Force under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.M.Sharma was constituted by the Central Government. In its Report, the Task Force has, inter alia, recommended creation of 1000 positions of Research Scientists at various levels, five fold increase in the number of Ph.Ds from Indian universities within a span of ten years with proper standards, promotion of formal linkage between the Universities and national level institutions including the CSIR laboratories through joint research projects and training, inbuilt component of research in post-graduate programmes pertaining to Science and Technology, upgradation of infrastructural facilities in universities to promote quality scientific research, and, creation of networking centers in Basic Sciences in leading Departments of Universities to promote collaborative research. The recommendations have been accepted by the Government and the Task Force has been converted into an Empowered Committee to implement its recommendations. The University Grants Commission has included the proposals under its plan for allocation of funds.